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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGSC PORG, PDEV, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT

REF: PARIS 22201

1. THANKS TO VOA'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON NAMIBIA HEARD ON THE WEST
AFRICAN COAST AT DAWN JULY 13, YESTERDAY'S BREAKFASTS WERE THE
MOST TASTY IN PRESENT LAGOS MEMORY. THE CONTACT GROUP, ITS
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METROPOLE MENTORS, THE FRONT LINE STATES (ANGOLA IN PARTICULAR),
AND PERHAPS EVEN NIGERIA DESERVE ALL POSSIBLE PRAISE. IF IT
HADN'T BEEN SO EARLY, AND IF ITS IMPORT AND PUBLIC USE WERE NOT
BANNED, CHAMPAGNE WOULD HAVE FLOWED.

2. WE WISH ABOVE ALL TO SALUTE DON MCHENRY. WITHOUT HIS DRIVE,
COURAGE, IMAGINATION AND STAMINA, THE EFFORT MIGHT WELL HAVE

FOUNDERED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS DURING THE PAST FIFTEEN MONTHS.

3. THIS IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. IT DEMONSTRATES AND JUSTIFIES OUR NEW APPROACH TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS, WHICH PRESUMES A WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE OUR FULLEST DIPLOMATIC RESOURCES ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT WHEN "AFRICAN SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICAN PROBLEMS" WERE NOT FORTHCOMING WITHOUT SUCH INTERCESSION. UNLIKE SHABA-STYLE RESCUES, THIS IS THE KIND OF ACTIVISM MOST LIKELY TO ELICIT WIDESPREAD ADMIRATION FROM AFRICANS AND MOST DIFFICULT FOR OUR SOVIET AND CUBAN COMPETITORS TO EMULATE.

4. AS MCHENRY IMPLIES IN REFTTEL, "NEW BEGINNINGS" WILL REQUIRE CONTINUED EFFORT BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT PITFALLS AND OBSTACLES REMAIN. BUT THE REFRESHING OPENNESS AND TEAMWORK THAT CHARACTERIZED THE MANNER IN WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT ORCHESTRATED THE EFFORT TO DATE AUGUR WELL FOR SUCCESS OF THE NEXT PHASE.
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